

# Hyde County CTP Subcommittee Meeting

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**March 23, 2011 - 2 PM**

**Ocracoke Community Center**

999 Irvin Garrish Highway  
Ocracoke, NC 27960

**Attendees:**

Lauren Nicholls – NCDOT TPB  
Scott Walston – NCDOT TPB  
Steve Lambert – Albemarle RPO  
Mazie Smith – Hyde County Manager  
Jim Hoadley – NCDOT Division 1  
Allen Russell – NCDOT DOH  
Jed Dixon – NC Ferry Division  
Mike Murray – NPS  
Kenny Ballance – NPS  
Leslie Lanier – Ocracoke Transportation Committee  
Beverly Paul – Hyde County Transit  
Robin Payne – Ocracoke Foundation/Ocracoke Transportation Committee  
Janey Jacoby – Ocracoke Scenic Byway  
Eugene Ballance – Ocracoke Scenic Byway  
Rudy Austin – Ocracoke Civic and Business Association

## **A. INTRODUCTIONS**

All members of the subcommittee went around and introduced themselves to each other.

## **B. CTP PRESENTATION**

Lauren Nicholls presented on the CTP process, what it involves, and what is part of the study. NCDOT noted what can and cannot be included in the plan.

YES – Bicycle Elements, Fixed Route Transit, Park & Ride Lots, Pedestrian Elements, Ferry, Roadway improvements to improve drainage issues

NO – General Parking, Marketing, Restrooms, Signage, Visitor Centers, Scenic Pull Offs, General Maintenance (These elements can be included in the report but cannot be mutually adopted.)

### C. DISCUSSION OF 3/21 OCRACOE COMMITTEE MEETING

Robin went through the meeting minutes from the 3/21 meeting with the subcommittee. The previously identified needs from the Ocracoke Transportation Committee Projects, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Strategic Plan, Ocracoke Scenic Byways and general items were discussed.

#### 1. Ocracoke Transportation Committee Projects

- a. Bicycle Paths are completed to the horse pen and from the horse pen to the ferry dock will be starting soon. There is a safety issue in front of the pub because of vehicles parking behind the multi-use path. It was also noted that restriping is needed after the variety store.
- b. It was noted that operating costs for the tram system were an issue in the previous plan but the idea would like to be revisited. Parking for the tram will be an issue.
- c. Mike noted that park land is very hard to develop and they want to be actively involved in the process.
- d. Lighthouse parking has been an issue for 25 years. The subcommittee wants to look into possibly getting the county or NCDOT to acquire/swap out land to get more parking, NCDOT TPB noted that it can look at parking if it is part of the tram parking system.
- e. There is interest in a boardwalk (multi-use path) from Silver Lake to the Lighthouse. This is included in Scenic Byways. Most of the lots are residential. Beaufort did something similar through the county.
- f. Sidewalks
  - i. Wish List – Lighthouse Rd, Back Rd and Creek Rd
  - ii. Pieces of sidewalk are missing along NC 12
- g. Would like pull off parking on Loop Shack Hill Road.
- h. Need a handicap restroom from back of restrooms up to the dunes.

#### 2. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Strategic Plan

- a. At the airport, the section of road from the parking lot to the helipad needs to be paved. Would like to look into widening runway to help with emergency and disaster relief. Will need to work with park service.
- b. It was noted that the NCDOT will not be involved in either the public restrooms or the visitor center(s). Steve Lambert said he will be happy to look for funding.
- c. High Speed Ferry –
  - i. Constraints: water depth, draft issues, upkeep is expensive
  - ii. It is not out of the question and should be looked at
  - iii. Will need the ridership to justify, because it will cost a lot of money
  - iv. A normal ferry travels at 10 knots while a high speed ferry travels at 30 knots

3. Ocracoke Scenic Byway Committee
  - a. Robin brought pictures of the standing water issues throughout the town and the storm water drain issues were discussed.
4. Community Goal – will be incorporated into the vision and goals statement

#### **D. DISCUSSION OF ROADWAYS AND OTHER FACILITIES TO STUDY**

1. The subcommittee highlighted on the map areas of concern in Ocracoke, which included sidewalks, standing water issues and the bike path.
  - a. Sidewalks – the subcommittee marked on the map, the places with existing voids along NC 12.
  - b. Standing Water Issue Locations –
    - i. Silver Lake Drive near the ramp
    - ii. Intersection of Creek Road and Silver Lake Drive
    - iii. NC 12 between Nubbins Ridge and Water Plant Road
    - iv. School Road
    - v. Back Road near Old Pony Road
    - vi. Sunset Drive near North Street
    - vii. Trent Drive near Ikey Dees Road
  - c. Bike Path – The committee marked between the ABC Store and the Recycling Center where the path needs to be remarked.

#### **E. OTHER**

1. Talked about having the Hyde CTP Committee meeting on Ocracoke in May. Lauren will discuss with the rest of the committee and confirm.
2. We will also look into having a survey for both the mainland and the island.

#### **F. ADJOURN**